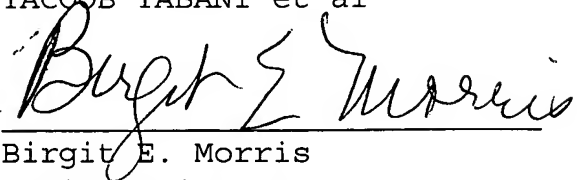


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COPY OF THE SPECIFICATION AS AMENDED

The dialyzer can also be rinsed by passing water to the dialysate inlet 207a from water source 227 through a valve 228 using a water heater 229. The rinse water may be mixed with air to enter the dialyzer 211a through inlet port 209a through a pressure regulator 233 and a valve 232. The rinsing water exits the dialyzer 211a from the lumen exit 210a to the mist separator 223 through a valve 231. The port 208a is closed via valve 230. The dialyzer is then drained by opening the valves 230 and 237. At the end of the rinse cycle, the dialyzer 211a is filled with a liquid sterilant from a reservoir 234 using a pump 235 and a valve 236 to enter the dialysate inlet 207a, exiting through port 210a.